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An Account of the
Late Actions at Sea,

BETWEEN THE
Saint Alban's and Happy Return,

Two of Their Majesties Men of VVar, and

Twenty Four Sail of French Ships,

VVith their Convoy of 36 Guns, near the Port of *Cherbourg*; with
an Account of the Sinking the Convoy, and taking Twenty Sail
of Merchant Men.

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In a Letter from a Merchant at Plymouth.

LICENSED, Feb. 17. J. F. According to Order.

S I R,

ON Wednesday last a Dutch
Privateer of *Friezland*,
called the *Prince*, of Eight-
teen Guns and Twelve
Peteraeroes, brought in here a *French*
Prize, which she took out of a Fleet
of Twenty Four Sail of Merchant-Men,
Bound for *Havre de Grace* to *Nantce*,
Bordeaux, and several other Ports a-
bout *Vsant*, they Sail'd out of the
Port of *Havre de Grace*, on Monday
last. The Captain of the Privateer
says, That just as he came away he
saw the *Saint Alban's*, and the *Happy*
Return, Two of Their Majesties Men
of War, falling in with the said Fleet.
And Yesterday Arriv'd here a Fly-Boat
of Two Hundred and Fifty Tuns, and
Thirty Five Men, Taken by the *Happy*
Return: They give an Account,
That the *Saint Alban's* was Engaged
about Two hours with the *French* Con-
voy, a Man of War of Thirty Six
Guns; That a short time after the
Saint Alban's had Shot down her Main-
Mast, and brought her on Board; the
Man of War ran a Shore, and there
Stranded a little after; having between
five and six Foot of Water in the hold,
but most of the Seamen were Sav'd:
That at the same time that the *Saint*

Alban's was Engaged with the Man
of War, the *Happy Return* fell in
among the Merchant-Men, that they
did not doubt but they had Taken
most of them.

P. S. Just now a Vessel is come in
here from the Fleet, and brings an ac-
count, That Their Majesties Ships
had Taken Eighteen Sail more, there
being but Four Ships of the whole
Fleet escaping. The Ships in general
are from an Hundred to Three Hun-
dred Tun Burthen; and notwithstanding
they had no Loading but Ballast,
(they going to fetch *Wines*, *Brandies*,
&c.) yet the Masters of the Vessels,
Merchants, Factors, and between Five
or Six Hundred Seamen, that were on
Board the Fleet and Convoy, are of no
small Value, and will prove very ad-
vantageous to Their Majesties Service;
for by the Exchange of these Prisoners,
we may have as many *English* Seamen
as will Man out Four of Their Majesties
Fourth Rate Men of War, being in-
termixt with some Land-Men; be-
sides the Twenty Sail of Ships, with
their Furniture, &c. cannot be Va-
lued at less than One Hundred Thou-
sand Livres.

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